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TRANSGENE EXPRESSION IN THE :  
PLASTIDS OF HIGHER PLANTS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present application is a divisional of US Application 09/445,283. Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: